

Charity No. SC004307

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH
DEVELOPMENT TRUST

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

and

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 July 2025

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The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st July 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

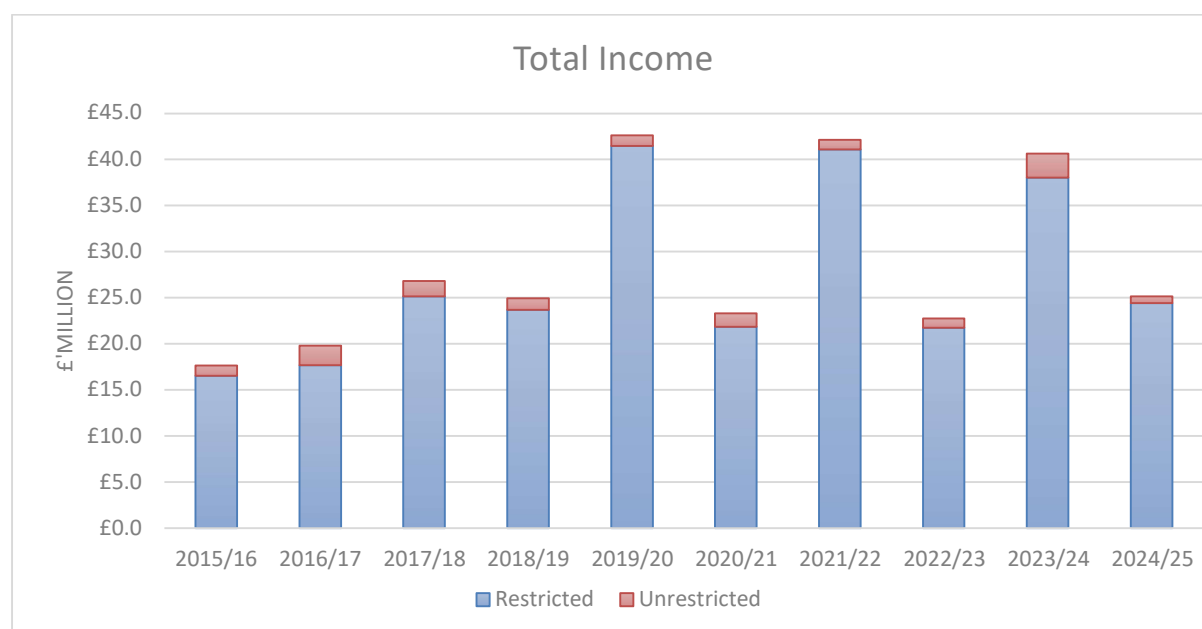
Objective and activities

The Court of the University of Edinburgh directed that the Trust may accept, hold and apply any sums of money, funds, investments or property of any kind, from any source for the following purposes:

- for the payment of the expenses of administering the Trust,
- for furthering the aims of the University, provided that such aims are exclusively charitable or educational,
- for endowing or contributing to the endowment of new or existing Chairs, Departments and the Library,
- and generally, for defraying the cost of providing any services which in the opinion of the Trustees promotes the proper purposes of the University.

A review of our achievements and performance

In 2024/25 total income was £25.153 million, which was a decrease of £15.474 million or 38.0% on 2023/24. The decrease in income was primarily due to the full recognition of a large multi-year pledge worth £18 million in 2023/24. The following table shows the total annual income for the last ten years.



Major gift fundraising contributed substantially to the income of the Trust. In 2024/25 the Trust received donations (excluding legacies) greater than £200,000 from 12 individuals and organisations (8 in 2023/24). These totalled £6.574 million or 26.1% of total income.

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The following table shows all donations (excluding legacies) and income from charitable activities greater than or equal to £200,000.

Donor	£	Fund	Details
The Wolfson Foundation	2,000,000	Institute for Energy Systems	A new pledge towards laboratory equipment for the Institute for Energy Systems.
Rev. Dr. Robert Angus & Jane Angus	762,442	New College Divinity	Donation to support theological education and ministerial training at New College, and improvement/rebuilding of the New College buildings.
The Nippon Foundation	517,146	Ocean Voices Program	Donation to support the Ocean Voices Programme, an ocean science diplomacy initiative dedicated to building capacity and connecting the voices of ocean-dependent people to ocean science.
Mary Kinross Charitable Trust	500,000	Mary Kinross Charitable Trust QMRI Refurbishment/Elizabeth Shields PhD Scholar	Donation of £300,000 towards the refurbishment of Queen's Medical Research Institute and £200,000 to establish a PhD studentship.
G-Research	458,163	G-Research PhD Scholarships	A new pledge to fund three PhD Scholarships and provide a supplement for each selected recipient to enhance the student experience.
The Darwin Trust of Edinburgh	431,181	Mass Spectroscopy - Glacios Cryo-TEM	Donation to allow the School of Biological Sciences to purchase a Thermo Fisher Glacios Cryo-TEM as part of a state-of-the-art cryo-EM facility within the School
GRILLA	405,000	GRILLA Sports Scholarship/Alumni Association 1866 Fund	A new pledge to establish and fund High-Performance Sport Scholarships and to support Edinburgh University Sports Union strategic activities.
Miss Margaret Butters Reekie Charitable Trust	380,000	Colorectal Cancer Research	Donation to support research in early detection of colorectal cancer both within asymptomatic (screening) and symptomatic populations.
Renaissance Philanthropy	369,791	Sketchpad: AI for Math Fund	A new pledge to fund a high-precision and easy-to-use system for automatic formal sketch generation
A G Leventis Foundation	300,000	Modern Greek Studies	Donation to support a visiting academic and conference in Greek studies
Anonymous	250,000	Global Workshops for Humanity	Donation to support UoE work towards the Mathematics for Humanity Activities Worldwide project
Professor Jonathan Knowles	200,000	Studentships in collaborative immunology projects	A new pledge to support a cross discipline PhD cohort to further understand the role of infectious disease in chronic disease condition.

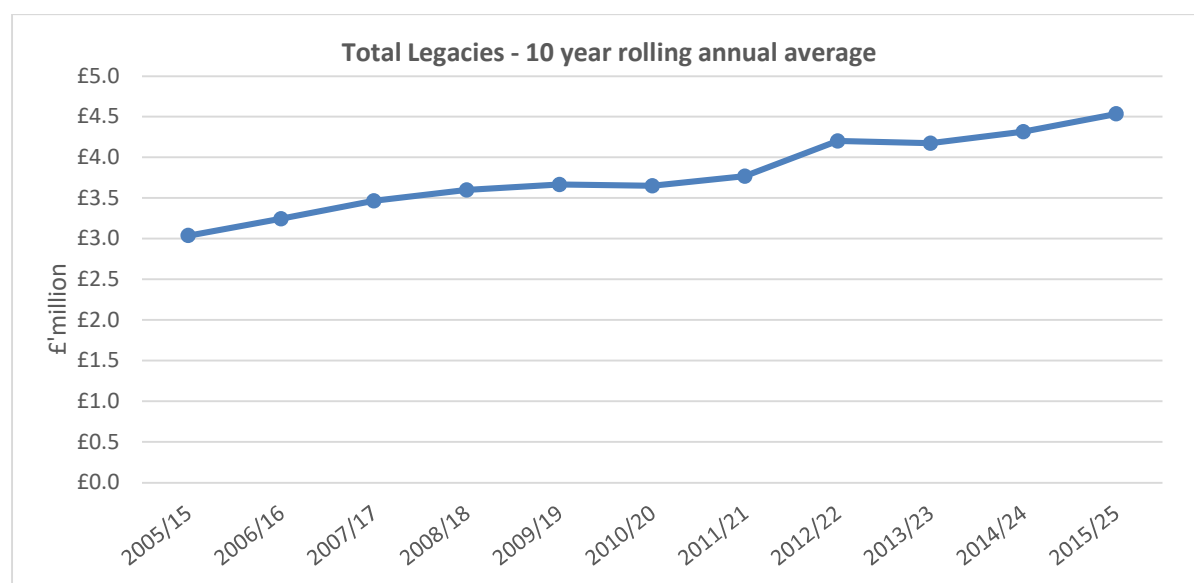
Legacy income was £6.164 million, an increase of £0.611 million or 11.0% on legacy income of £5.553 million in 2023/24. This was made up by £6.001 million in restricted legacies and £0.163 million unrestricted. 9 legacies were £200,000 or greater, and these accounted for 74.4% of the total legacies. There were 43 new legacy pledgers to the University for the financial year (47 in 2023/24).

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The following table shows all legacies of greater than £200,000:

Legacy	£	Details
Meikle	1,420,265	Scottish History and scholarships
Austin	909,481	Institute for Regeneration & Repair (IRR)
Kimber	650,000	German Studies
Melia	386,801	Institute for Regeneration & Repair (IRR)
Moss	311,077	Scholarships and awards within the School of GeoSciences
Scott	250,000	Parkinson's disease and scholarships
Brandie	228,196	Cushing's disease and Colic in Horses
Smart	217,709	Veterinary education and improved treatments and technologies.
Slagt	213,413	Scholarships within the School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures

The ten-year rolling average shown in the chart below takes into account volatility from year to year and this highlights the ongoing growth in legacy income.



The regular giving programme continued to be an important source of donations and £0.379 million was collected via direct debits in 2024/25 (compared to £0.397 in 2023/24).

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29 restricted funds received 100 or more donations, this is an increase from 21 in 2023/24 and the five restricted funds that received the highest number of donations are shown below:

Fund	Total Donated	No. of Donations	Details
Access Edinburgh Scholarships	£249,391	5,499	Funds the Access Edinburgh undergraduate scholarships for UK students.
Alzheimer Scotland Dementia Research Centre Fund	£107,751	2,813	Funds the Alzheimer Scotland Dementia Research Centre to further research into Alzheimer's and dementia.
Low Grade Serous Ovarian Cancer Research	£51,708	2,679	Funds research into low grade serous ovarian cancer (LGSOC) which disproportionately affects younger women.
Euan MacDonald Centre for MND Research	£102,968	2,445	Donations for the Euan MacDonald Centre which conducts research into motor neurone disease.
Hope Park Donations Fund	£26,687	1,521	Donations to support the work of the Hope Park Counselling Centre.

The total expenditure of the Trust for 2024/25 was £23.720 million compared to £38.349 million in 2023/24. £23.431 million (£37.917 million in 2023/24) in awards and grants were made while support costs were £0.289 million (£0.277 million in 2023/24).

Financial review

Total income in 2024/25 was £25.154 million compared to £40.627 million the previous year. Total expenditure was £23.720 million (£38.349 million in 2023/24) resulting in a net increase in funds of £1.433 million. The fall in both income and expenditure is primarily a result of recognition of an £18m pledge, and a corresponding increase in the trust's intercompany creditor position, in the 2023/24 financial year.

As at the 31st July 2025 total funds held by the Trust were £25.865 million (£24.432 million at the 31st July 2024).

Restricted income for the year was £24.412 million (£38.039 million in 2023/24) and the Trust had restricted expenditure of £21.943 million (£36.900 million in 2023/24). Restricted income exceeded expenditure by £2.468 million and total restricted funds carried forward were £25.865 million at 31st July 2025.

Unrestricted income was £0.742 million (£2.588 million in 2023/24) and the Trust spent £1.777 million (£1.449 million in 2023/24) from unrestricted income. Unrestricted expenditure exceeded income by £1.036 million and so total unrestricted funds carried forward at 31st July 2025 were in deficit by £0.082 million. The trust is confident that this shortfall will be covered by unrestricted donations received early in the subsequent financial year.

Cash balances increased by £0.463 million during 2024/25 and were £44.470 million at 31st July 2025 (£44.008 million at 31st July 2024). The Trust held no investments at 31st July 2025 as longer-term cash balances are managed by the University of Edinburgh.

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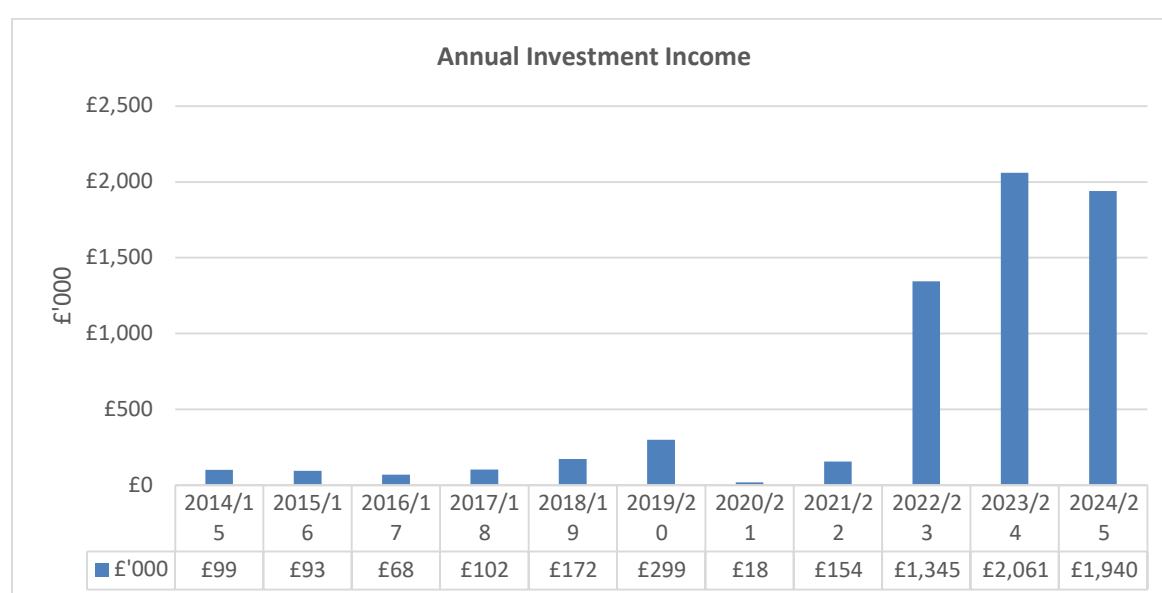
Investment policy and performance

The Trust's investment policy is to manage treasury funds to:

- Meet the funding requirements of the Colleges and Schools at the University
- Preserve capital value of funds at all times
- Control the associated risks and pursuit of optimum performance consistent with those risks.

The University of Edinburgh manages the cash balances on behalf of the Trust. This has the benefit of reducing the administrative burden on the Trust, diversifying the range of funds held by the Trust thereby decreasing the investment risk and potentially increasing the average yield that these cash holdings generated. The Trust will conduct a review of its investment policy in the subsequent financial year.

Income from investments in 2024/25 was £1.940 million which was £0.121 million lower than 2023/24. The majority of the Trust's cash is managed by the University of Edinburgh.



Risk management

The risk register, was refreshed and reviewed at the April 2025 board meeting. The Trustees regularly monitor the risk register which focuses on higher level and strategic risks.

All Trustees receive a training pack that includes financial, operational and legislative information relating to the Trust and the charitable sector. The Secretary of the Trust and the Vice-Principal Philanthropy and Advancement hold induction meetings with new Trustees.

Reserves policy

The policy of the Trust is to transfer funds to the University, as soon as possible, or when performance related conditions have been met or on request when the funds are accumulated to meet requirements to support projects. Donations which are to be held by the University as endowments are transferred to the University as soon as the fund has been set up. The Trust's Cash can be invested in the University's short term cash investments which ensures the capital is protected and the cash is immediately available or alternatively invested in the University endowment, enabling investment in the full range of financial

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assets, and maximising return. The Trust does not charge any fees for administration of funds and passes on all interest generated.

The Trustees consider the ideal level of reserves on unrestricted funds at each meeting, based on the ability to make future disbursements to the University. The majority of funds are allocated to the University within the year of receipt with the aim to allocate all unrestricted reserves within two years of receipt. Where unrestricted reserves are held for a period of time, they are invested in line with the treasury management policy outlined above. The trust reviews unrestricted awards commitments against forecasts of unrestricted income for up to 5 years.

Restricted funds build up due to many on-going fundraising campaigns. Many projects aim to raise money from a number of donors over a period of time. For these projects, funds are invested as outlined in the treasury policy. Once the project becomes live the funds are transferred to the University project account on the instructions of the area managing the project. The main restricted funds held at 31st July 2025 are shown in Note 16.

Plans for the future

Trustees continue to support a focus for funding activities that resonate with donors, flowing directly from the University's Strategy 2030, that open doors to education, pave the way for new innovations, and create opportunities for our students to achieve.

Trustees have welcomed the increased profile of the Development Trust within the University community with greater understanding and visibility of the enabling role of philanthropy, particularly across the four themes of Culture, Health, AI and Students. The board supports a focused drive to rebuild the University's broad donor base, engaging stakeholders through theme-focused events and communications, and the promotion of budget-relieving gifts, endowed giving, and legacy programmes.

The Trustees confirmed at their annual strategy session that a continued (though not sole) focus for allocations from unrestricted funding would be connected to access to education for students from less traditional and economically advantaged backgrounds.

Projects that meet a current financial commitment at the University, where donors can co-invest with the University and where there is potential to leverage external funding (whether private or public) continue to be a priority.

Operationally we will continue to ensure requests for funding follow established process and comply with relevant governance and sector requirements, including the Fundraising Regulator's revised Code of Fundraising Practice.

Structure, governance and management

The University of Edinburgh Development Trust (the Trust) was established by resolution of the Court of The University of Edinburgh (the University) under a declaration of Trust dated 12 July 1990 and registered in the Books of Council and Session on 20 July 1990. The Trust was established to receive, administer and apply any funds and properties donated for the benefit of the University.

In December 2019 University Court approved a change in the trusteeship of the Development Trust such that it be made up of two ex-officio trustees: the Principal and the University Secretary; two Vice-Principals (or equivalent) recommended by the Principal for approval by Court; and a fifth trustee from among the lay members of Court. In October 2023 University Court approved a further 'independent trustee' position to be created, with an appropriate level of distance and independence from the existing

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governance structures of the University.

The University and specifically the Development and Alumni department are responsible for fund-raising and meeting philanthropic targets. In this context, the Trust operates as a vehicle for receipt and disbursement of philanthropic funds. It continued to support fundraising objectives in 2024/25, and to deliver and develop the stewardship of donors and fundraising projects.

The senior management team of the Development and Alumni department of the University manage the Trust. The department consists of the following teams:

- Philanthropy and Alumni Relations
- Advancement Operations.

The department, on behalf of the Trust, is legally obliged when accepting restricted funds given for a specific purpose, to spend the funds according to a donor's wishes and expectations. If the donor's wishes cannot be met the funds may need to be returned to the donor.

Unrestricted funds given for support of the University are allocated each year by the Trustees of the Trust, advised by the University's central management group and Development and Alumni management. Trustees have a responsibility to see that funds are directed to a project within a reasonable time of receipt of the gift.

Key management personnel remuneration

Trustees received no payments from the Trust in 2024/25. Key management personnel are directly employed by the University of Edinburgh and their time is donated to the Trust and shown as a donated service.

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Reference and administrative information

Name	University of Edinburgh Development Trust
Registered Charity No	SC004307
Registered office	Charles Stewart House 9-16 Chambers Street Edinburgh, EH1 1HT
Ex-Officio Trustees	
Principal	Professor Sir Peter Mathieson MBBS, PhD, FRCP, FRCPE, FMedSci.
University Secretary	Mrs Leigh Chalmers
Nominated Trustees	
Trustees	Professor Colm Harmon
	Professor Kim Graham
	Ms. Perdita Fraser
	Ms. Ruth Girardet
Senior Management	
Secretary of the Development Trust	Mrs Kate Brook
Chief Financial Officer	Mr James Gray
Vice-Principal Philanthropy and Advancement	Mr Christopher Cox
Independent Auditors	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Edinburgh Atria One, PwC LLP Atria One, 144 Morrison Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8EX
Bankers	Bank of Scotland 75 George Street Edinburgh, EH2 3EW
Solicitors	Panel Firms: Pinsent Masons Brodies Shepherd Wedderburn

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).


The law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of reserves of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102, have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the provisions of the charity's constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees' Report was signed for and on behalf of the University of Edinburgh Development Trust Trustees by:



Trustee - Professor Sir Peter Mathieson MBBS, PhD, FRCP, FRCPE, FMedSci.

Date: 10th December 2025



Trustee - Mrs Leigh Chalmers

Date: 9th December 2025

Independent auditors' report to the trustees of University of Edinburgh Development Trust

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

In our opinion, University of Edinburgh Development Trust's financial statements (the financial statements"):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 July 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, and cash flows for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", and applicable law); and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements (the "Annual Report"), which comprise: the Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2025; the Statement of Financial Activities for the year then ended; the statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and the notes to the financial statements, which include a description of the significant accounting policies.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities under ISAs (UK) are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We remained independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, which includes the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

Conclusions relating to going concern

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date on which the financial statements are authorised for issue.

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this conclusion is not a guarantee as to the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Reporting on other information

The other information comprises all of the information in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify an apparent material inconsistency or material misstatement, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report based on these responsibilities.

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Based on our work undertaken in the course of the audit, The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) requires us also to report certain opinions and matters as described below.

Trustees' Annual Report

Under The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) we are required to report to you if, in our opinion the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

Responsibilities of the trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. The trustees are also responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We are eligible to act and have been appointed auditors under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and report in accordance with the Acts and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Based on our understanding of the charity/industry, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to the recording of inappropriate journal entries to manipulate financial performance. Audit procedures performed included:

- Enquiries of management around known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations, claims and litigation, and instances of fraud;
- Understanding management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities;
- Review of board minutes;
- Review of the charity's accounting estimates;
- Review of financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations; and
- Review of journal entries to identify any unusual or unexpected items.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

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A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditors' report.

Use of this report

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the charity's trustees as a body in accordance with section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulations made under that Act (regulation 10 of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

Other required reporting

The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) exception reporting

Under The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept by the charity; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.



PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Edinburgh
11 December 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
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		Unrestricted Funds £'000	Restricted Funds £'000	Total Funds £'000
	Note			
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	741	9,735	10,476
Charitable activities	2	-	12,737	12,737
Trading Activities				
Interest income	2	-	1,940	1,940
Total income		741	24,412	25,153
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	1,777	21,943	23,720
Total expenditure		1,777	21,943	23,720
Net (expenses)/income for the year		(1,036)	2,469	1,433
Net movement in funds		(1,036)	2,469	1,433
Total funds brought forward		954	23,478	24,432
Total funds carried forward		(82)	25,947	25,865

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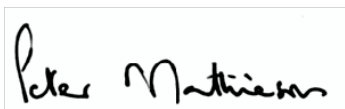
		Unrestricted Funds £'000	Restricted Funds £'000	Total Funds £'000
	Note			
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	2,427	5,748	8,175
Charitable activities	2	-	30,391	30,391
Trading Activities				
Interest income	2	161	1,900	2,061
Total income		2,588	38,039	40,627
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	1,449	36,900	38,349
Total expenditure		1,449	36,900	38,349
Net (expenses)/income for the year		1,139	1,139	2,278
Net movement in funds		1,139	1,139	2,278
Total funds brought forward		(185)	22,339	22,154
Total funds carried forward		954	23,478	24,432

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Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2025

	Note	Unrestricted			Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year 2024 £
		General Funds 2025 £	Designated Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £		
Current assets:						
Debtors	9	35,000	-	30,020,468	30,055,468	36,616,884
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		1,537,545	698,449	42,234,091	44,470,085	44,007,567
Total current assets		1,572,545	698,449	72,254,559	74,525,553	80,624,451
Liabilities:						
Creditors falling due within one year	10	(1,654,574)	(698,449)	(46,307,342)	(48,660,365)	(56,192,203)
Net current assets		(82,029)	-	25,947,217	25,865,188	24,432,249
Net assets		(82,029)	-	25,947,217	25,865,188	24,432,249
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:						
Unrestricted income funds		(82,029)	-	-	(82,029)	953,488
Restricted income funds		-	-	25,947,217	25,947,217	23,478,761
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		(82,029)	-	25,947,217	25,865,188	24,432,249

The financial statements on pages 14 to 26 were approved by the Board of Trustees on 28/11/2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Trustee-Professor Sir Peter Mathieson MBBS, PhD, FRCP, FRCPE, FMedSci.
Date: 10th December 2025



Trustee- Mrs Leigh Chalmers
Date: 9th December 2025

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Statement of Cash Flows
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		2025	2024
	Note	£'000	£'000
Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities	12	<u>(1,478)</u>	<u>5,769</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		1,940	2,061
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>1,940</u>	<u>2,061</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		<u>462</u>	<u>7,830</u>
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		44,008	36,177
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward		<u>44,470</u>	<u>44,007</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these financial statements. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with

- the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2019.
- the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005
- the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102 and is an unincorporated charity.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

(b) Funds structure

Unrestricted Funds - General

These represent sums raised or donated for no specified purpose and are disbursed at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted Funds

These represent sums raised or donated for a specific purpose or University department. The largest of these funds are set out in note 16 and a full list is available on request.

(c) Incoming resources

Nature and purpose of donations

The Trust's fundraising programme is designed to ensure a proper balance between offering a high degree of donor choice while retaining as much flexibility as possible that allows the Trustees to respond to new and changing circumstances.

Gifts and legacies

Gifts and legacies are recognised when all of the following criteria are met:

- Entitlement – control over the rights or other access to the economic benefit has passed to the charity. Where there are detailed performance related conditions that have to be fulfilled in order to qualify for the donation then income will only be recognised as and when these conditions are met.
- Probable – it is more likely than not that the economic benefits associated with the transaction or gift will flow to the charity.
- Measurement – the monetary value or amount of the income can be measured reliably and the costs incurred for the transaction and the costs to complete the transaction can be measured reliably.

Investment income

Investment income is accounted for on the accruals basis. Interest is allocated to qualifying restricted funds with a cash balance exceeding £1,000 on a quarterly basis.

(d) Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Trust to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Disbursements to the University

Disbursements from unrestricted funds are grants made by the Trustees on the recommendation of the development and alumni senior management team. These grants are made to areas of special need or to projects of strategic importance for the future of the University. Disbursements from restricted funds are made according to the wishes of the individual donors.

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Designated Funds

The trust designates unrestricted funds within the financial year to support the two grant schemes that are managed by the University of Edinburgh.

- Student Experience Grants are one-off contributions to support innovative projects and initiatives that will enhance students' social, academic, intellectual, entrepreneurial, sporting or cultural development. This scheme is managed by the Development and Alumni Office.
- The Principal's Teaching Award Scheme provides funding to support learning and teaching enhancement. This scheme aims to encourage and support activities that will make a significant contribution to the enhancement of learning and teaching at the University of Edinburgh, at both undergraduate and postgraduate level. It offers staff the opportunity to apply for grants for pedagogical or development projects aimed at enhancing teaching, learning or assessment practices.

(e) Investments

Accounts realisable after 30 days are classed as investments. There were no such accounts held in 2024/25.

(f) Transfers between reserves

- Transfers to designated reserves occur when the Trustees agree to set aside funds for specific projects, such as Principal's Teaching Awards.
- Transfers to and from restricted reserves occur upon the clarification of whether gifts received are for restricted purposes and the amendment of the allocation of tax recoverable.
- Donations received by the Trust without any supporting documentation are initially treated as unrestricted income within the accounting records pending further investigation. Where amounts are subsequently confirmed to be restricted, an appropriate transfer is made.

(g) Support costs and governance costs

All support costs and governance costs are met by the University by a donation of service. The Trustees received no remuneration or expenses during the year from the Trust.

(h) Recognition of donated services and facilities

Donated services and facilities are provided by the University. The staff members who process donations for the Trust are directly employed by the University. Donated services and facilities are the audit fee for the year, annual bank fees and the share of the costs of the staff involved in processing donations.

(i) Cash and cash equivalents

Accounts realisable within 30 days are classed as cash and cash equivalents. This includes funds held at Bank of Scotland and cash and cash equivalents managed by the University of Edinburgh on behalf of the Trust.

(j) Taxation

The Trust is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable trust for UK income tax purposes. Accordingly, the Trust is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Part 10 Income Tax Act 2007 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

(k) Bad debt provision

The Trust regularly reviews all its debtors and when the Trust is sure the debt will not be paid then the debtor is written-off during the year. At the year-end all debtors are assessed and if there is significant doubt as to their collectability then a bad debt provision is created.

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2. Analysis of Income

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £'000	Restricted Funds 2025 £'000	Total Funds 2025 £'000
Donations and legacies			
Donations	307	3,559	3,866
Legacies	163	6,001	6,164
Gift aid	12	175	187
Donated services	260	-	260
	741	9,735	10,476
Charitable activities			
Projects	-	9,589	9,589
Scholarships and bursaries	-	2,813	2,813
Chairs and fellowships	-	335	335
	-	12,737	12,737
Interest income			
Interest on cash and cash equivalent	-	1,940	1,940
	-	1,940	1,940
Total income	741	24,412	25,153

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £'000	Restricted Funds 2024 £'000	Total Funds 2024 £'000
Donations and legacies			
Donations	412	1,737	2,149
Legacies	1,723	3,830	5,553
Gift aid	28	181	209
Donated services	264	-	264
	2,427	5,748	8,175
Charitable activities			
Projects	-	28,702	28,702
Scholarships and bursaries	-	1,295	1,295
Chairs and fellowships	-	394	394
	-	30,391	30,391
Interest income			
Interest on cash and cash equivalent	161	1,900	2,061
	161	1,900	2,061
Total income	2,588	38,039	40,626

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3. Cost of generating voluntary income

The costs of generating voluntary income are met by the University of Edinburgh, principally by the Development and Alumni department. The University of Edinburgh is responsible for these costs and so they are not included in the Trust's financial statements.

4. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted			
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	2025	2025	2025	2025
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Research projects	-	-	8,397	8,397
Scholarships and bursaries	645	-	3,200	3,845
Endowments	-	-	3,737	3,737
Teaching projects	-	-	989	989
Other projects	474	-	3,400	3,874
Capital awards	-	-	1,950	1,950
Student experience grants	-	196	4	200
Principal's teaching awards	-	135	25	160
Awards and Grants	1,119	331	21,702	23,152
Administration costs	246	-	-	246
Finance costs	30	-	-	30
Governance costs	14	-	-	14
Support Costs	290	-	-	290
Operating Costs	37	-	241	278
Total Charitable Activities	1,446	331	21,943	23,720

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	Unrestricted			
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	2024	2024	2024	2024
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Research projects	-	-	29,141	29,141
Scholarships and bursaries	517	-	2,362	2,879
Endowments	-	-	2,242	2,242
Teaching projects	-	-	2,089	2,089
Other projects	321	-	417	738
Capital awards	-	-	468	468
Student experience grants	-	194	6	200
Principal's teaching awards	-	135	25	160
Awards and Grants	838	329	36,750	37,917
Administration costs	240	-	-	240
Finance costs	21	-	-	21
Governance costs	16	-	-	16
Support Costs	277	-	-	277
Operating Costs	5	-	150	155
Total Charitable Activities	1,120	329	36,900	38,349

5. Administration Costs

Administration of the voluntary income is the responsibility of the Trust. Staff who operate the Trust are directly employed by the University. £0.246 million (2024: £0.240 million) represents the share of the development and alumni departmental staff costs. These are included in the Trust's financial statements and also included in donated services and facilities.

The proportion of the staff involved are shown below:

	2025	2024
Executive Director of Development	5.0%	5.0%
Director of Advancement Operations	33.3%	33.3%
Finance Manager	50.0%	50.0%
Senior Finance Officer	85.0%	55.0%
Finance Officer	80.0%	80.0%
Finance Assistant	85.0%	85.0%
Finance Admin Assistant	90.0%	90.0%
Head of Donor Relations	33.3%	33.3%
Donor Relations Officer	33.3%	33.3%

6. Governance Costs

The audit fee for the year is £17,178 (2024: £16,500). The fee is paid by the University and included in donated services.

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7. Finance Cost

	2025	2024
	£'000	£'000
Foreign currency difference	21	13
Bank charges	9	7
Total finance costs	30	20

8. Write offs and Bad debt provision

Write offs and bad debt provision for the year were £0.278 million (2023/24: £0.155 million). These costs related to write-offs of pledges and changes in the bad debt provision.

9. Debtors

	Unrestricted			
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2025
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Donation receivables due more than one year	-	-	20,972	20,972
Debtors due more than one year	-	-	20,972	20,972
Legacy receivables due within one year	35	-	250	285
Donation receivables due within one year	-	-	8,798	8,798
Tax receivables due within one year	-	-	-	-
Other receivables due within one year	-	-	-	-
Debtors due within one year	35	-	9,048	9,083
Total debtors	35	-	30,020	30,055

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	Unrestricted			Total
	General	Designated	Restricted	
	2024	2024	2024	2024
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Donation receivables due more than one year	-	-	25,371	25,371
Debtors due more than one year	-	-	25,371	25,371
Legacy receivables due within one year	60	-	3,232	3,292
Donation receivables due within one year	-	-	7,828	7,828
Tax receivables due within one year	5	-	58	63
Other receivables due within one year	15	-	48	63
Debtors due within one year	80	-	11,166	11,246
Total debtors	80	-	36,537	36,617

Debtors figures are shown net of any bad debt provision.

10. Creditors falling due within one year

	Unrestricted			Total
	General	Designated	Restricted	
	2025	2025	2025	2025
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Awards and grants	1,655	-	46,228	47,883
Deferred income	-	-	-	-
Principals teaching awards	-	320	70	390
Student Experience Grants	-	378	9	387
Other restricted creditors	-	-	-	-
Total creditors	1,655	698	46,307	48,660

	Unrestricted			Total
	General	Designated	Restricted	
	2024	2024	2024	2024
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Awards and grants	1,810	-	53,517	55,327
Deferred income	-	-	-	-
Principals teaching awards	-	410	9	419
Student Experience Grants	-	387	52	439
Other restricted creditors	-	-	8	8
Total creditors	1,810	797	53,586	56,193

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11. Deferred Income

	2025 £'000	2024 £'000
Deferred income balance at 1 August	-	28
Released to income	-	(28)
Deferred income balance at 31 July	-	-

12. Reconciliation of net cash flow from operating activities

	2025 £'000	2024 £'000
Net outgoing resources	1,433	2,278
Interest receivable	(1,940)	(2,061)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	6,561	(12,773)
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	(7,532)	18,325
Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities	(1,478)	5,769

13. Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds

	2025 £'000	2024 £'000
Opening net funds	44,007	36,177
Increase in cash in the year	463	7,830
Closing net funds	44,470	44,007

14. Analysis of changes in net funds

	At 1 August 2024 £'000	Cashflow £'000	At 31 July 2025 £'000
Cash and cash equivalents	44,007	463	44,470
Closing net funds	44,007	463	44,470

	At 1 August 2023 £'000	Cashflow £'000	At 31 July 2024 £'000
Cash and cash equivalents	36,177	7,830	44,007
Closing net funds	36,177	7,830	44,007

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15. Analysis of Charitable Funds

	At 1 August 2024 £'000	Income 2025 £'000	Expenditure 2025 £'000	Transfers 2025 £'000	At 31 July 2025 £'000
Unrestricted funds	954	741	(1,777)	-	(82)
Restricted funds	23,478	24,412	(21,943)	-	25,947
Total	24,432	25,153	(23,720)	-	25,865

	At 1 August 2023 £'000	Income 2024 £'000	Expenditure 2024 £'000	Transfers 2024 £'000	At 31 July 2024 £'000
Unrestricted funds	(185)	2,588	(1,449)	-	954
Designated funds	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted funds	22,339	38,039	(36,900)	-	23,478
Total	22,154	40,627	(38,349)	-	24,432

16. Restricted Funds

The trust maintains a database of over 1,700 separate restricted funds. During the year 379 of these restricted funds received incoming resources. Income for most of these restricted funds is transferred to the University in the month following it being received. However, there are a number of funds where the Development Trust holds the donations and only transfers these to the University in line with the gift agreement or on request. At the 31st July 2025, the Trust held cash balances of £27.243 million in restricted funds in 104 separate restricted funds. Below is a list of all restricted cash balances of greater than £250,000 at 31st July 2025.

	At 1 August 2024 £'000	Cash Income £'000	Cash Expenditure £'000	At 31 July 2025 £'000
The Rowling Fund – Phase 2	16,064	845	(3,097)	13,812
Simons Initiative Dev Brain relocation to QMRI	4,732	1,805	-	6,537
Anonymous Scholarship Fund	876	47	-	923
Simons Initiative Award 1175658	-	878	-	878
Dr Alfred Wild Legacy to Patrick Wild Centre	762	45	(181)	626
Patrick Wild Centre	388	21	-	409
Master of Surgery (CHM) in Clinical Ophthalmology	240	132	-	372
Asylum Seeker Scholarship	421	22	(86)	357
Carl R and Gilleen M Kjeldsberg Scholarships	128	160	(10)	278

	At 1 August 2023 £'000	Cash Income £'000	Cash Expenditure £'000	At 31 July 2024 £'000
The Rowling Fund - Phase 2	15,237	827	-	16,064
Simons Foundation Capital Award	3,018	1,714	-	4,732
Simons Foundation Initiative	2,969	4,691	(4,121)	3,539
Anonymous Scholarship Fund	957	52	(133)	876
Dr Alfred Wild Legacy	832	41	(111)	762
Asylum Seekers Scholarship	352	69	-	421
Patrick Wild Centre	399	20	(31)	388
Edinburgh High Blood Pressure	352	20	-	372

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The Rowling Fund – Phase 2 is the second major gift from J K Rowling to fund the ongoing research into neurodegenerative research at the Anne Rowling Clinic. This gift will also fund the further capital developments at the Anne Rowling Clinic.

The Simons Initiative Dev Brain relocation to QMRI is a gift from the Simons International Foundation to contribute £7.5 million to the relocation of the Simons Initiative for the Developing Brain to Queens Medical Research Institute.

Anonymous Scholarship Fund is a fund from an anonymous donation to support undergraduate scholarships in the College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences.

Simons Foundation Initiative Award 1175658 is part of a multiyear agreement with The Simons Foundation and Simons International Foundation to fund fundamental and clinical research into autism within the Patrick Wild Centre.

The Dr Alfred Wild Legacy to the Patrick Wild Centre is a £1.646 million gift to help fund research into autism at the Patrick Wild Centre. As per the terms of the will the money is held in the Development Trust and awards are made to specific projects.

Patrick Wild Centre is a fund to support the research into autism at the Patrick Wild Centre. Funds are raised from community fundraising and legacies.

Master of Surgery in Clinical Ophthalmology is a fund to support postgraduate scholarships in Ophthalmology for students from lower and middle income countries, particularly in Africa.

Asylum Seekers Scholarship is a fund to support undergraduate scholarships for asylum seekers at the University of Edinburgh.

Carl R and Gilleen M Kjeldsberg Scholarships is a scholarship fund to support Scottish undergraduate medical students and to support postgraduate students who are nationals of, and resident/working in African countries as trained medical professionals.

17. Related Party Transactions

The Trustees consider that The University of Edinburgh (registered number SC005336) is regarded as a controlling party, and the ultimate parent entity. These financial statements will be consolidated into those of The University of Edinburgh. The consolidated financial statements of the University of Edinburgh can be obtained from University of Edinburgh, Old College, South Bridge, Edinburgh, EH8 9YL.

During the year, the Trust made awards and grants of £23.679 million (2023/24: £37.584 million) directly to the University of Edinburgh. The University of Edinburgh donated services to the Trust to the value of £0.246 million (2023/24: £0.260 million).

The University of Edinburgh USA Development Trust Inc., is an independent 501 (c) 3 organisation (EIN# 52-1802057) based in the United States that supports teaching, research and student activities at the University of Edinburgh and has an independent board. In 2024/25 The University of Edinburgh USA Development Trust Inc. donated £2.515 million (2023/24: £1.191 million) to The University of Edinburgh Development Trust to fund a range of projects across the University.

During 2024/25 there were no other material transactions or donations that required disclosure as defined by section 33 of FRS 102 (2023/24: nil).